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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendment and the following

remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application.

Claims 1 and 6 are amended. No new matter is added.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yamaguchi (JP

2003-1646676) is traversed.

The invention disclosed comprises a transmitter having a control signal generating device

which allows a control signal to include specified information according to a specified operation by

a user; and a driving device which has a storage device which holds a first parameter and a second

parameter. An offense signal transmitting device transmits an offense signal which includes

information based on the first parameter. The driving device has a first parameter change device

which, when the driving device does not receive an offence signal from another driving device

during a predetermined time after receiving a control signal having specific information from the

transmitter, changes its own first parameter based on specific information which is included in the

control signal.

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Stated slightly differently, the driving device has a first parameter change device which,

when the driving device does not receive the offence signal from the another driving device during

a predetermined time after receiving the control signal including the specified information from the

transmitter, changes its own first parameter based on the specified inormation included in the

control signal.

The information based on the first parameter which is included in the offence signal, is

transmitted from a first driving device to another driving device. When the another driving device

receives the offence signal (the specified signal) from the first driving device, the second parameter

is changed by the information in the offence signal. Therefore, the first parameter of the driving

device affects the second parameter of another driving device.

Thus, according to the present invention, when the driving device does not receive an

offence signal for a predetermined time after receiving a control signal, the first parameter is

automatically changed. Therefore, when a user wants to change the first signal, he/she has to control

the driving device in order to prevent an offence signal from another driving device from being

received

In Yamaguchi, "Main gun power" and "Life" are the parameters stored in the driving device

(FIG. 6 (a)). The value of Life seen in FIG. 6(a) is the first value, and every time when the driving

device receives an offence signal from another driving device, the value of "Life" is reduced by the

value of "Main gun power" included in the offence signal (paragraph 0059).

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Accordingly, the "Main gun power" corresponds to the first parameter (paragraph 0057), and the value of "Life" corresponds to the second parameter. However, Yamaguchi neither discloses nor suggests a device for changing the first parameter. In Yamaguchi, the first parameter

is constant, it is not changed.

Moreover, in Yamaguchi, the relationship between the second parameter and the offence parameter is constant (step S96). Yamaguchi fails to disclose and teach the change of the relationship. Clearly, Yamaguchi neither discloses nor suggests that the relationship is changed by a

control signal generating device as is disclosed in our application.

Amended claim 1 recites the structure of:

...a storage device which holds a first parameter and a second parameter; an offense signal transmitting device which transmits an offense signal including offense information based on the first parameter...

... the driving device receives the offense signal as the specified signal transmitted from the other driving device and changes the second parameter according to the information in the specified signal...

in combination with

...the driving device has a first parameter change device which when the driving device does not receive the offence signal from the another driving device during a predetermined time after receiving the control signal including the specified information, changes the own first parameter of the driving device based on the specified information included in the control signal (underscoring added).

Claim 1 clearly avoids Yamaguchi by reciting that the driving device has a first parameter change device which changes its own first parameter under at least one condition.

Accordingly, for at least the reason stated above, applicants respectfully submit that the features of claim 1 now includes structure not disclosed in Yamaguchi. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and, therefore is also in condition for allowance

Claim 5 is amended to now recite the structure of:

... driving device further comprises a first parameter change device which after the control signal including specified information according to a specified operation by a user is received from the transmitter, when the driving device does not receive the offence signal from the another driving device during a predetermined time, changes the one first parameter of the driving device based on the specified information (underscoring added).

Claim 5 now includes the limitation inserted into claim 1 and, therefore, for the reasons noted above also avoids the Yamaguchi reference. Therefore, it is our understanding that claim 5 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 is amended to now recite the structure of:

...driving device has a relationship change device which when the driving device does not receive the offence signal from the another driving device for a predetermined time after receiving the control signal including the specified information, changes a relationship between the own second parameter of the driving device and the information included in the offence signal received from the another driving device based on the specified information included in the control signal.

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Claim 6 now includes limitation similar to the limitation inserted into claim 1 and, therefore, for the reasons noted above also avoids the Yamaguchi reference. Therefore, it is our understanding that claim 6 is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undeersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment. In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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